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SUBCGC ANOTHER MASSACRE

1. EVENING SEPT2 WTN TURKISH MILITARY UNCOVERED MASS GRAVE LOCATED OUTSIDE MARATHA VILLAGE (FAMAGUSTA). BY 11 P.M. LOCAL, 40 BODIES REPORTEDLY REMOVED. DIGGING CONTINUES TODAY. ACCORDING TURK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, SOME 88 PEOPLE UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM THIS FORMERLY TURKISH VILLAGE. MEMBERS SWEDISH CONTINGENT UNFICYP HAVE OBSERVED TURKISH OPERATION; EMBOFF HAS SEEN SEVERAL DOZEN PARTICULARLY GRUESOME GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SCENE; THERE NO DOUBT THIS MASSACRE GENUINE. BODIES IN PHOTOS OF BOTH SEXES AND RUN FROM SMALL BABIES THROUGH FULL GROWN ADULTS.

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2. ACCORDING UNSYG SPECIAL REP. POLAD GORGE, THIS AT LEAST THIRD MASSACRE OF TURK CYPRIOTS WHICH HAS COME TO UN'S ATTENTION. UNFICYP IS OBSERVING EXCAVATION BUT IS NOT CONDUCTING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION. FROM GENERAL APPEARANCE OF BODIES, MASSACRE OCCURED AT LEAST SOME WEEKS AGO.

3. VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH'S AIDE TELLS US THAT, WHILE HE EXTREMELY EMOTIONAL OVER ABOVE EVENT, VICE PRESIDENT STILL PLANS TO ATTEND TODAY'S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH CLERIDES (SECOND THUS FAR).

4. ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IN GENERALIZED PICTURE OF LOOTING, MISSING PERSONS, RETALIATORY KILLINGS ETC., IS ICRC REPORT (WHICH WE HAVE SECOND HAND FROM GORGE) CHARACTERIZING MORPHOU "EXAMPLE OF HOW MILITARY OCCUPATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED". ICRC NOTES MORPHOU STATUS LARGELY RESULT TURK MILITARY LEADERSHIP THIS AREA. COMMENT: TURKISH COMMANDER IN AREA IS BRIG. GENERAL ADNAN DOGU (FORMERLY HEAD TURK CONTINGENT 1971-1972), WHO HAS BEEN REGARDED AS OUTSTANDING OFFICER BY MOST FOREIGN OBSERVERS. CRAWFORD

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